

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administrative Center
Sixth Floor Conference Room
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maranda – Chair, Acri, Brunk, Carroll-Duda, Freeman, Gradert, Heninger, Jones, Kinzer, Klipsch, Lack, Lawrence, O’Boyle, Parker, Schloemer, Tank, Thoms, Tompkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Broderson, Beck, Condon, Dawson, Deppe, Gallagher, Kiser, Knobbe, Looney, Mather, Mendenhall, Moore, Newton-Butt, Sherwin, Sorensen, Stoermer, Waldron

OTHERS PRESENT: Colonel Stephen Marr, Sergeant Major Brian Heffernan, and John Ramsdale, Rock Island Arsenal

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough, Moritz

Chair Maranda called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and asked for introductions.

1. Approval of the February 27, 2019 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting as presented. Mr. Gradert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Carroll-Duda presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending February 28, 2019, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$673,527.22. Mayor O’Boyle moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Klipsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$108,123.47, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to 1 staff attending the Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants training; 5 staff attending the 2019 Scott County Economic Development Summit; 4 staff attending the Iowa Association of Councils of Governments training; 2 staff attending the Illinois Geographic Information System Association training; Managers & Administrators Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Chief Elected and Chief Administrative Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending the Drug and Alcohol Program National Conference; office supplies	\$ 3,608.20
Dan Corbin, Inc., 2019 aerial photography and mapping services, final payment (cost reimbursed by participating communities)	2,021.00

Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer February/March 2019 services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	2,555.00
The Roosevelt Group LLC, February 2019 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	20,000.00

Addendum

Rock Island County Treasurer		6,439.27
04/2019	Rent	4,832.58
04/2019	Internet Access	88.00
03/2019	Managed Print Services	323.72
12/2018 – 02/2019	RK Dixon Overage	(63.20)
02/2019	Postage	818.15
02/2019	Printing	65.00
02/2019	Supplies	342.96
02/2019	Cell Phone	32.06

Disbursement of funds for the following Bi-State Revolving Loan Fund Loan:
 DC & YS, Inc. 73,500.00

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the bills totaling \$108,123.47 as presented above. Mayor Acri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2018-19 Program Budget as of February 28, 2019.
 Mayor O’Boyle explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 67% through the fiscal year with 60.8% expended and within budget.
 - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts or grants for consideration.
4. Presentation and Consideration of Resolutions Supporting the FY2018 Quad Cities and Region 9 Transportation Work Planning Programs (TPWPs). Ms. McCullough reported that Bi-State Regional Commission receives federal pass through funds to plan for short and long-range transportation needs. Planning areas are the Quad Cities and Region 9 for rural Scott County and Muscatine County, Iowa. Key travel issues in these areas include improving river crossing capacity; reducing congestion; maintaining good standing for air quality; and coordinating maintenance, operations, and improvements between the modes of transportation for an effective system to move people and goods.

The Quad Cities and Region 9 FY2020 Transportation Planning Work Programs (TPWPs) reflect Bi-State staff transportation work activities and budget funding to accomplish that work for July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. Tasks and activities to be undertaken by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Region 9 in the coming fiscal year fall into four categories: program support and administration, general development and comprehensive planning, long-range transportation planning, and short-range transportation planning. While fulfilling core programmatic requirements, the funding supports technical assistance to aid local jurisdictions in implementing planned surface transportation projects – road improvements, transit services, trail and sidewalk extensions, and bridge work.

Ms. McCullough reported transportation planning fund targets for FY2020 reflect relatively static funding levels for both the Quad Cities MPO and Region 9 Planning Area. The MPO effort in federal, state, and local funds is \$907,844. The Region 9 effort amounts to \$62,865. Federal funds are matched with 20% local member dues or state funds. She noted that the respective Technical and Policy Committees provide information and feedback on the program

activities, while the Bi-State Regional Commission approves the budget and contracts. Transportation planning funds represent nearly 50% of the Bi-State Regional Commission budget.

Mayor Klipsch moved approval of the resolutions to authorize application of the federal transportation planning grants and execute the respective grant agreements as presented. Mayor Carroll-Duda seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report 2019 Draft Presentation. Ms. Bulat presented a full draft of the CEDS PR, highlighting economic trends in the Quad Cities. She also provided a list of the strengths, challenges, opportunities, and threats and emphasized the importance of each community's economic-related projects.

The CEDS is the result of a locally-based, regionally-driven planning process designed to enhance the economic growth of the Bi-State Region. Components of the CEDS PR include a detailed overview of the people, economy, and sense of place of the Bi-State Region; a description of the strengths, challenges, opportunities, and threats; and a list of performance measures to assess the progress toward the region's goals.

In the summary of regional data and demographics, Ms. Bulat noted there is a projected steady slow population growth, tapering in later years. The labor force is declining, but employment is increasing with unemployment declining. The projected job growth by job sector shows the greatest project increase is in health care and social assistance jobs. There has been a stable recovering Gross Regional Product. The population pyramid shows fewer 20-year-olds and more 50-year-olds than average. Also, the Bi-State Region has less racial and ethnic diversity than the national average.

The themes related to opportunities and threats include strengthening and supporting the Rock Island Arsenal, the need for improvements and completion of numerous infrastructure projects, various issues that affect fiscal matters and funding, including taxes, tariffs and wages, the need for diverse housing throughout the region, and the need to increase the workforce. The economic development projects listed in the plan were collected from partners and member governments and are used to report progress toward goals.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. Mr. Gradert congratulated the Rock Island Arsenal on its project reclaiming tin.
7. Other Business. Colonel Marr noted elected officials in Iowa passed legislation making it easier for professional licenses to transfer between states. It will aid military spouses in being able to find work in either Illinois or Iowa when being transferred to the Quad Cities. Illinois may consider similar legislation.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Sorensen
Secretary